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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS )
FOR CJA PANEL ATTORNEYS IN THE )
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA )

General Order 405A

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1. Pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") the Chief Judge of the court shall appoint a committee made up of judges and magistrate judges who will administer, govern and appoint attorneys to the CJA Panel.

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2. The committee shall make application to the panel available to all qualified attorneys. The committee, together with the Equal Justice Committee, will make efforts to attract new panel members women and minority applicants.

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3. Attorneys appointed to the CJA panel will serve for a period of two years. The committee may in its discretion reappoint attorneys to the panel for another two-year term. There are no limits to the number of terms that an attorney may serve on the panel.

4. Appointments to the panel shall be made once each year for a term to begin December 1 of each year.

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5. The committee may make additional appointments or remove members of the panel at its discretion.

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- 6. In order to qualify for appointment to the panel, attorneys must:
- 1. Have read and be familiar with the Local Rules of court for the Southern District of California; and
- 2. Assist and cooperate in the administration of this program; and
- 3. Understand and agree to abide by the rules for the CJA voucher preparation (as it relates to declarations under penalty of perjury); and
- 4. Prior to appointment to this panel, be qualified with reference to experience and education as follows, under one of the following alternatives:
  - A. Have practiced at least <u>five</u> (5) years in the U.S. District Court with primarily a criminal practice, or

- B. Have for the entire last two years practiced for and been employed by either of the following:
  - (1) The criminal division of the U.S. Attorney's office, or
    - (2) Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc.
  - C. Have practiced at least <u>five</u> (5) years in a court of competent jurisdiction, and
    - (1) In the last  $\underline{\text{two}}$  (2) years have second-chaired an attorney in the U.S. District Court,
    - (2) Within  $\underline{\text{two}}$  (2) years have second-chaired an attorney in the U.S. District Court,
      - (a) in two felony trials, and
      - (b) in four sentencing hearings in which the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines are applicable.
- 5. Have in the last two years prior to appointment earned at least twelve hours of MCLE credit in the area of criminal procedure. Attendance at the Criminal Justice Act Seminar

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presented by Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., is mandatory prior to initial appointment.

DATED: 10/17/94

JUDITH N. KEEP, Chief Judge United States District Court

RUDI M. BREWSTER, Judge United States District Court

MARILYN L. HUFF, Judge
United States District Court

NAPOLEON A. JONES, JR., Judge United States District Court GORDON THOMPSON, JR., Judge United States District Court

Out of District

JOHN S. RHOADES, Judge
United States District Court

IRMA E. GONZALEZ, Judge
United States District Court